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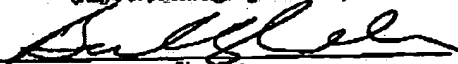
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 20, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on July 20, 2006, Applicants request the Examiner to amend the above-identified application as follows.